

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICE JURY, PARISH OF OUACHITA,
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON,
MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2011 AT 5:35 P.M.**

The Police Jury of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana met in a regular session in the Ouachita Parish Police Jury Meeting Room, Courthouse Building, Monroe, Louisiana on Monday, April 18, at 5:35 p.m., and was duly convened by Mr. Shane Smiley, President, who stated that the Police Jury was ready for the transaction of business.

<u>Members Present</u>	(6)
Charles Jackson	District A
Mack Calhoun	District B
Walt Caldwell	District C
Ollibeth Reddix	District D
Shane Smiley	District E
Pat Moore	District F
<u>Members Absent</u>	(0)

The invocation was given by the president. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by the president.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mr. Mitchell noted the presence of Melody Olsen of the Downtown Economic Development Corporation in the audience to address the jury on a matter listed under Ms. Moore's agenda. There were no additions to the agenda. Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed without opposition.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

The president spoke regarding the public comment period. No one appeared or came forth to speak during this time.

A motion to adopt the minutes of the regular police jury meeting including the Committee Meetings held on April 4, 2011 with corrections on page 2 was offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Jackson. Motion passed without opposition.

PUBLIC HEARING:

The president convened a Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 8978 – An ordinance establishing the districts comprising the Ouachita Parish Police Jury; and further providing with respect thereto.

The president asked if there was anyone present to speak in favor of or against the proposed ordinance. Mr. Otis Chisley, 202 Marx Street, Monroe spoke regarding the proposed districts. Mr. Chisley recommended to the jury to consider establishing an additional district, a minority district within the parish based on his analysis of the census data.

Mr. James Poe, 4106 Forsythe Avenue, Monroe suggested that the jury hire an assistant to work with the District B juror because of the size of the district.

David Creed, of North Delta spoke to the comments made by Mr. Chisley. A lengthy discussion ensued. Mr. Creed stated that of the two plans that he had seen thus far, neither of them reflect an electable minority district. Discussion ensued again. Mr. Chisley stated that the opportunity should be presented to the voters. Discussion ensued. Ms. Moore asked that the jury considered deferring the vote on redistricting to a later date.

A motion to close the public hearing was offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Caldwell. Motion passed without opposition.

VISITORS:

The president recognized Dr. Marshall Boyd, representative of the Civic Club of Calhoun. Dr. Boyd commended the jury on its efforts in serving the citizens of Ouachita Parish. Dr. Boyd presented to the jury a written request from the Civic Club asking that the jury donate 40-50 acres of land presently in use by the LSU Calhoun Research Station to the parish school board. The president stated that the parish was not in a position to make any decisions at this time regarding the property at the research station. A brief discussion ensued. No action was taken on this matter.

The president recognized Warren Ezell of 4881 Hwy 546, Eros. Mr. Ezell spoke regarding the use of the land at the research station. Mr. Ezell asked that the jury considered allowing his club continued use of a building for their meetings. No action was taken on this matter.

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A motion to recess the regular meeting in favor of the Finance Committee meeting was offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Dr. Reddix. Motion passed without opposition.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

The chairman, Mr. Jackson called the Finance Committee meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The chairman noted that Mr. Cammack was out sick. Ms. Cupit, Assistant Treasurer presented Mr. Cammack's matters. Ms. Cupit spoke regarding the claims statement for the period of March 18, 2011 through April 14, 2011 and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell,

seconded by Mr. Smiley to approve the claims for the period of March 18, 2011 through April 14, 2011 as presented. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Jackson spoke regarding the Community Service Detail Budget. Mr. Jackson stated that the budget has grown considerably over the past few years. Mr. Jackson noted that at the end of March, a total of \$19,000 had been spent. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Smiley to limit the remaining balance to \$1200.00 per month for the community service detail. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Jackson spoke regarding Correctional Center budget. Mr. Jackson noted that there will be a cash deficit in that budget at year's end. Mr. Jackson stated that the Sheriff's Office was working with the jury to resolve the budget issues. Discussion ensued. After discussion, no action was taken. Ms. Cupit noted that early voting is this week for the April 30th election.

Ms. Cupit spoke briefly regarding the audit. Ms. Cupit noted that the auditors were on site and proceeding with the 2010 audit.

Ms. Cupit spoke regarding the bid tabulation for the grass fire trucks and recommended the lowest conforming bid of Ferrara Fire Apparatus, Inc., in the amount of \$27,212.00. A brief discussion ensued. After discussion, motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Calhoun/Smiley to approve the lowest conforming bid. Motion passed without opposition.

There being no other business to come before this committee, a motion to recess and reconvene the regular meeting was offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Caldwell. Motion passed without opposition.

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MOTIONS * ORDINANCES * RESOLUTIONS:

The president reconvened the regular meeting at 6:50 p.m., and recognized Mr. Jackson, District A.

MR. CHARLES JACKSON, DISTRICT A:

Mr. Jackson stated that he had no items.

The president recognized Mr. Calhoun, District B.

MR. MACK CALHOUN, DISTRICT B:

Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Jackson offered the following resolution for adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-17

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT TO PLACE SIGNS ON LA. HIGHWAYS 34, 557, AND 3033 PROPERLY IDENTIFYING THE “WOODLAWN” COMMUNITY IN WEST OUACHITA PARISH; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Woodlawn Community is a vital part of Ouachita Parish;

WHEREAS, the Woodlawn Community has been recognized by the citizens of Ouachita Parish for many years;

WHEREAS, the Woodlawn Community is an area of growth for both residences and businesses;

WHEREAS, other nearby unincorporated communities such as Luna and Cypress have long been marked by road signs on the state highways passing through them; and,

WHEREAS, similar identification of the Woodlawn Community on the highways of the State would be of significant benefit to the residents and businesses of the community and to the motoring public.

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session that the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development is hereby requested to place appropriate signs identifying the Woodlawn Community on Louisiana Highway 34, Louisiana Highway 557, and Louisiana Highway 3033 at the point where such roadways enter the Woodlawn Community;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development; the District 5 Headquarters Office of the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development; and the Legislative Delegation representing West Ouachita Parish.

The above Resolution was adopted on the 18th day of April, 2011. No opposition.

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Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Caldwell offered the following ordinance for final adoption.

**ORDINANCE NO. 8978
(FINAL)**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE DISTRICTS COMPRISING THE
OUACHITA PARISH POLICE JURY IN ACCORDANCE WITH MAP NUMBER 14 AS
PREPARED BY NORTH DELTA REGIONAL PLANNING OFFICE; AND FURTHER
PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

A lengthy discussion ensued. Ms. Moore asked that the jury defer the vote on the ordinance until such time she has the opportunity to look at the new map, and address the issues Mr. Chisley brought to the jury. Discussion ensued again. After discussion, Mr. Calhoun withdrew his motion. Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Moore to postpone indefinitely the vote on Ordinance No.8978 until a special called meeting can take place. Motion passed with Mr. Calhoun and Mr. Caldwell voting no.

The president stated that he needed to leave the meeting at this time, and stated that the vice president will take over at this time.

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Mr. Calhoun spoke regarding the use of Cheniere Lake Area 8 for the Northeast LA Motorcyclists for Kids. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Dr. Reddix to approve the use of Cheniere Lake Area 8 for the annual Muscular Dystrophy Association Poker Run to be held June 8-14, 2011. Motion passed without opposition. Mr. Smiley was not present for the vote.

MR. WALT CALDWELL, DISTRICT C:

The vice president asked Mr. Holtzclaw to speak regarding the drainage issues within Treasure Island (Hannah's Run). Mr. Holtzclaw spoke regarding the drainage issues at Treasure Island and indicated that he was incorporating information obtained from Mr. Harrison's files into his. Mr. Holtzclaw stated that he would be bringing the matter back to the jury at a later date. A brief discussion ensued. No other action was taken on this matter.

Mr. Caldwell spoke regarding the Jail Camera System and the use of it by private attorneys. Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Jackson offered a motion to allow private attorneys to use the system, provided that they purchase needed equipment to access system, subject to a fee structure, and to follow the procedures established by the Information Systems Department. Discussion ensued. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Jackson offered a motion to not charge a fee at this time subject to a review in six months. Motion passed without opposition.

The vice president recognized Dr. Reddix, District D.

DR. OLLIBETH REDDIX, DISTRICT D:

Dr. Reddix asked Mr. Holtzclaw to speak briefly regarding the J. S. Clark Cemetery. Mr. Holtzclaw stated that he would provide a survey of the cemetery at the May 2nd meeting of the jury.

The vice president noted that Mr. Smiley had no items.

MR. SHANE SMILEY, DISTRICT E:

The vice president recognized Ms. Moore, District F.

MS. PAT MOORE, DISTRICT F:

Ms. Moore spoke regarding the Downtown Economic Development District Riverfront Project and asked Ms. Melody Olsen to speak. Ms. Olsen spoke regarding the need for restrooms for the project. Discussion ensued. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Jackson to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Downtown Economic Development District for the purpose of establishing a restroom at the southwest corner of the parking lot, subject to review by the parish engineer and the public works director. Motion passed without opposition.

Ms. Moore spoke regarding attending the Annual Northern Exposure Legislative Forum. A brief discussion ensued. Motion offered by Ms. Moore, seconded by Dr. Reddix to make sure the costs for attending the forum are covered in the appropriate fund. Motion passed without opposition.

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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

The vice president recognized Ms. Cupit, Assistant Treasurer.

FISCAL: Mr. Brad Cammack, Treasurer

Ms. Cupit stated that she had no additional items.

The vice president recognized Chief Hemphill, Fire Department.

FIRE: Chief Pat Hemphill, Fire Department

The chief stated that he had no additional items.

The vice president recognized Mr. Mitchell, Assistant District Attorney.

LEGAL: Mr. Jay B. Mitchell, Assist. Dist. Attorney

Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the contracts for the Gustav/Ike Drainage Projects. Mr.

Mitchell asked that the jury authorize the president to execute the contracts. Motion offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Moore to authorize the president to execute the contracts for the Gustav/Ike Drainage Projects subject to legal review. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Mitchell stated that the matter regarding the division of precincts as required by redistricting plan will be deferred to the special meeting of the jury.

The vice president recognized Mr. Murray, Public Works Director.

PUBLIC WORKS: Mr. John Tom Murray, Director

Mr. Murray spoke regarding the drainage servitude on Price Drive to Polly Anna Drive. Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Dr. Reddix to approve the drainage servitude as presented. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Murray spoke regarding Comanche Trail. Mr. Murray stated that his office was reviewing the documents concerning Comanche Trail and would report back to the jury at its next meeting.

The vice president recognized Mr. Holtzclaw, Engineer.

ROADS & DRAINAGE: Mr. Tom Holtzclaw, Engineer

Mr. Holtzclaw provided plan improvements for Magnolia Drive and Angela Drive to the jury. Mr. Holtzclaw stated that he would bring the matter back to the jury after confirming budget amounts with the Treasurer. No action was taken on the matter.

Mr. Holtzclaw spoke regarding the 2011 Road Striping Program. Mr. Holtzclaw stated that the jury needed to approve the program. Motion offered by Dr. Reddix, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to approve the 2011 Road Striping Program recommendation in the amount of \$74,000. Motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Holtzclaw stated that the Safe Routes to School Grant had been awarded to the parish.

Mr. Holtzclaw spoke briefly regarding an area along Hadley Street that did not have sewer services, and presented cost estimates to the jury. Discussion ensued. No action was taken on the matter.

Mr. Holtzclaw stated that he was compiling the road list and would present that to the jury by precinct as well as district.

Mr. Holtzclaw spoke briefly regarding the Slocum Road Project and noted that construction would start in the next two weeks.

BEER AND WHISKEY APPLICATIONS:

Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding the beer and whiskey applications and recommended approval. Motion offered by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Calhoun to approve the application of Samz Business, LLC. Motion passed without opposition.

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**DBA SAMZ BUSINESS, LLC. 149 G. B.
RD, WEST MONROE, LA 71292, RETAIL
BEER CLASS "B", RETAIL LIQUOR "CLASS
D", 2011 NEW OWNER**

Motion offered by Mr. Calhoun, seconded by Mr. Caldwell to approve the special event permit for the Muscular Dystrophy Association Poker Run. Motion passed without opposition.

LANGSTON, JIMMY

**DBA SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR THE
NORTHEAST LA MOTORCYCLISTS FOR
KIDS, LOCATION CHENIERE LAKE PARK
AREA 8 ON JUNE 8-14, 2011 – CLASS A
BEER PERMIT**

There being no other business to come before the jury, a motion to adjourn was offered by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Calhoun. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

A D J O U R N !

Shane Smiley, President

Deborah H. Sewell, Recording Secretary

Adopted May 2, 2011